

FAASTeam presents:

Destination: Burning Man

Many of us have made temporary landings at airports fuel, food, or restrooms. How many of us have landed at a temporary airport? What rules are different when operating into and out of an airport that only exists for a specified moment in time?

Every year, many of Northern California's pilots and colorful personalities migrate to Nevada for the Burning Man festival, a week of odd artistic camping and celebrations culminating of the burning of a large wooden burning man. The Nevada alkali clay dust floor is transformed into a wheel-shaped planned community of chaos.

Seen from above it boggles the mind. In preparation for the vent, teams from Burning Man create a temporary airport, with a runway, taxiway, and "ramp" parking that some attendees use as a campsite. But aside from the preparations of the surface, a great deal of planning goes into creating a set of procedures for participating pilots to use to safely arrive and depart from this uncontrolled field.

Please note: SCFC does not allow use of its aircraft to operate at Burning Man nor does it encourage other aircraft owners and operators to do so, both due to the transitory nature of the

Event Details

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airspace and the corrosive and harmful effects of the play a dust on aircraft engines and systems.

Many flight schools and aircraft leasing agencies have similar restrictions. The operators at Burning Man have indicated in public communications that the airport is not open to all pilots, but only to pilots registered to participate at Burning Man and who have gone through an extensive training and education on the procedures established each year associated with Burning Man airport operations. This seminar is NOT to encourage pilots to make this a destination for flight.

In this seminar, we will discuss the issues that arise from the establishment of a temporary airport and look at the procedures that are often put in place to manage air traffic. We will hear some of the stories from pilots who have operated at Burning Man Airport and hear insights into how they think pilots can best prepare themselves for this kind of an adventure. San Carlos Flight Center was voted Best Flight School in the US in the 2013 AOPA Flight Training Excellence Awards. We are committed to promoting safety in general aviation through our evening safety seminar programs. For more information about this and any of our weekly

seminars, please visit
<http://sancarlosflight.com/activities-and-events>.

Directions: Pilots who fly in should park in transient parking on the opposite side of the field and expect to walk about 10 minutes (.5 mile) to the Flight Center. Suite 215 is upstairs in the northwest corner. On occasion, rides may be prearranged through San Carlos Aviation and Supply.

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